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Re: Applicant(s): Santosh S. Rao, Gopal Sharma, Poonam Dhavale
Assignee: VERITAS Operating Corporation
Title: System And Method For Resolving Cluster Partitions In Out-Of-Band Storage
Virtualization Environments
Serial No.: 10/627,385
Examiner: Mohamed A. Wasel
Docket No.: VRT0089US
Filed: July 25, 2003
Group Art Unit: 2154

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page) (in duplicate); and
- (3) Response To Final Office Action (15 pages).

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Total Claims	31	Minus	31	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	\$	0.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	=	0	x	\$200.00	\$	0.00
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 27, 2006, having a shortened statutory period expiring on April 27, 2006. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Claims have been made. For Examiner convenience, a listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.